

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 4 – 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 4 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to specifically include a mold of an I.S. glass container forming machine at the first position and a deadplate of said machine at the second position. It is believed that this overcomes the rejection with respect to claim 4.

The Examiner has stated that claim 5 is incomplete as no steps are recited which move an article. It is respectfully submitted that claim 5 as amended specifically recites steps, including specifically the steps of (1) “simultaneously engaging the first gear and the second gear with a rack ...” and (2) “resiliently biasing the rack into engagement with the first gear and the second gear.” Accordingly, it is believed that claim 5 is in compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112 and that it along with claims 6 – 8 dependent thereon are allowable.

Claim 5 has been amended to eliminate any reference to “an article”.

The allowance of claims 1 – 3 is noted with appreciation.

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In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims 1 – 8 are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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